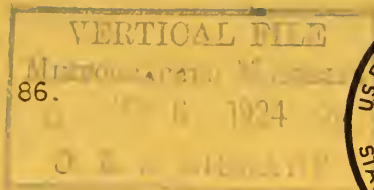


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FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND FOREST TREES PLANTED IN DEMONSTRATIONS.

Effective Cooperation of a State Forester
with the Extension Service.

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FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND FOREST TREES were planted in demonstrations in 39 counties in New York in three weeks, through the effective cooperation of the State department of forestry, the department of forestry of Cornell University, and the extension service. In February, 1923, State Forester C. R. Pettis offered to furnish through the extension service 10,000 forest trees to each county which might desire to conduct forest-planting demonstrations upon farm-owned land. Extension Director M. C. Burritt immediately accepted the offer and turned the matter over to the extension forester to work out with the county agricultural agents.

The Plan.

Arrangements were made to plant the trees about 6 feet apart in plots of at least 1 acre on nonagricultural land. This required 1,000 to 1,200 trees to the acre. In addition it was pointed out that the demonstration should be near a well-traveled highway where the young growing forest would attract attention.

In the Northeastern States the season of successful forest planting usually extends from the second week in April to the first week in May. During March, meetings were held with the county agents in order to make definite plans for the distribution and planting of these trees. As rapidly as the demonstrators were selected, special letters and bulletins were sent them that they might acquaint themselves with the work to be done.

Carrying Out the Plan.

Members of the teaching staff of the department of forestry at Cornell and a representative of the State forester's office assisted the extension forester and the county agents at most of the planting demonstrations. The work was carried on in 39 counties. In the course of three weeks more than 400,000 trees were planted. Nearly 1,000 people attended and assisted at the demonstrations. Many of the most successful demonstrations were "planting bees."

Results.

No cultivation was given the trees, and for several weeks after they were planted, there was little or no rain. In spite of these conditions the extension forester stated that more than 64 per cent of the demonstrations show more than a 60-per-cent stand, and that only 13-1/2 per cent were classed as failures.

The successful coordination of State departments of forestry and extension divisions is well illustrated by this work. The State forester contributed the trees, and the extension service provided the organization for their effective distribution, which made possible a series of demonstrations affecting a large part of the State.

Original distribution to
extension directors, State and
assistant State county agent
leaders, and county agricultural
agents.